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SUBJECT: RESTRICTION ON BRANDY IMPORTS

1. WE WERE CONTACTED BY FROMM AND SICHEL INC. OF SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA CONCERNING A PROBLEM THEY HAVE RECENTLY ENCOUNTERED EXPORTING U.S. BRANDY TO TRINIDAD. A RECENT SHIPMENT OF 25 CASES OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS BRANDY DESTINED FOR PAUREL & COMPANY LTD. P.O. BOX 433, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD ATTN: C. QUESNEL WAS DENIED ENTRY BY GOTT CUSTOMS ON THE BASIS OF INSUFFICIENT ALCOHOIC STRENGTH.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM, GOTT DOES NOT PERMIT ENTRY OF BRANDY HAVING ALCOHOLIC CONTENT OF LESS THAN 75
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PROOF AS DETERMINED BY THE BRITISH-SIKES METHOD, UNLESS DOCUMENTATION IS GIVEN THAT THE BRANDY HAS BEEN MATURED FOR ATLEAST TEN YEARS. IT IS NOT COMMON IN THE U.S. TO AGE BRANDY FOR THIS PERIOD OF TIME. FURTHER MORE, MOST U.S. BRANDY IS BOTTLED AT 80 DEGREES PROOOF AS DETERMINED BY U.S. MEASUREMENT PROCURES. THIS DEGREEE OF ALOCHOLIC

STRENGTH WHEN CALCULATED PY SIKES METHOD IS LESS THAN 75 DEGREES BRITISH PROOF. THUS THE REQUIREMENT SERVES TO EFFECTIVELY BAR U.S. BRANDIES WHICH MAY BE FREELY MARKETED

WITHIN THE U.S. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GOTT RESTRICTION IS BASED UPON AN OLD BRITISH REQUIREMENT WHICH THE BRITISH HAVE SINCE REVISED TO ACCOMMODATE BRANDIES BOTTLED AT 80 DEGREES U.S.-PROOF.

3. PLEASE CONTACT GOTT OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER

OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MATTER IS CORRECT AND WHETHER REGULATIONS ARE BEING APPLIED IN NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER. ALSO, PLEASE VERIFY IF THE GOTT REQUIREMENT WAS INDEED BASED ON AN OLD BRITISH LAW, AND IF SO EXPLORE WITH GOTT OFFICIALS WHETHER CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE BRANDIES WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED SIKES PROOF. WE HOPE MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED SO AS TO ENABLE THE IMPORTATION OF U.S. BRANDIES.
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